



**Society of Women Engineers
FY18 Senate
Motion Submission Form**

Date:	June 28, 2017	Item #:	S-1802
Title:	FY18 Special Senator (2 of 2)		
Description:	Election of Stephanie DeCotiis as Special Senator to FY18 Senate		
Motion Maker:	Kate Hull	Second:	N/A

DISCUSSION PRO

By authority of the bylaws, I nominate Stephanie DeCotiis as a Special Senator for FY18. Up to two Special Senators can be nominated by the Speaker and elected by the Senate to serve for one fiscal year or remainder thereof.

Many of the Senate's efforts this year will be focused on integrating the roles and responsibilities of the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) and Strategic Initiatives Committee (SIC) into the Senate as part of the governance changes. Accordingly, it is important for the FY18 Senate to have specific expertise on the team related to strategic planning, strategic initiatives, operations and finances within SWE to ensure a smooth transition and integration of the two committees.

Stephanie has been an active member of SWE for over 10 years and has held numerous leadership positions within the Society including SIC Chair-Elect, Professional Senator and Section President. She has been a member of the SIC for 3 years and assisted with providing recommendations to the FY17 Senate for transitioning the committee roles and responsibilities into the FY18 Senate. She was also a member of the Governance Task Force and had an active role in developing the implementation plan. Stephanie's knowledge and experience in facilitating the Society's dialogue on strategic initiatives and implementing the governance changes will bring value to the Senate as it further develops into the true strategic body of the Society.

Please find enclosed Stephanie's biography.

DISCUSSION CON

None

BUDGET IMPACT

Negligible – included in Senate budget

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

N/A

ACTION ITEMS

None



Stephanie DeCotiis, PE graduated with honors with a BS in Mechanical Engineering from The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) in 2008. DeCotiis is currently a senior project engineer at H2M architects + engineers within their Water Division where she supervises water planning and design projects and construction engineering services. Recent project experiences include managing the effort to develop a Water Supply Master Plan for a key regional water supplier and leading the multi-discipline team for the design of an iron removal plant, which will supplement the drinking water supply of one of the fastest growing municipalities in New Jersey. She is currently managing project services valued at over \$2M. Her project experience to date has helped her not only gain technical experience in a variety of disciplines, but also enhanced her ability to schedule, coordinate, and manage a variety of tasks concurrently.

She joined SWE in 2004 while attending TCNJ and has been an active member for over 10 years. She served as TCNJ SWE President from 2005-2008. After graduation in 2008, she joined the New Jersey section and has previously served as Vice President, President, and Section Representative. She represented Region E as a Professional Senator from FY15-16. As Senator, DeCotiis participated on the Governance Working Group to evaluate the structure and role of the Senate in the future SWE governance structure. DeCotiis has worked for both small and large businesses throughout her career and used that knowledge as part of the Strategic Initiatives Committee where she co-authored a white paper on how SWE can better support its small business members in FY16, and was later selected as the Strategic Initiatives Committee FY17 Chair-Elect. In addition, DeCotiis has been working toward reinvigorating the local New Jersey professional section by recruiting and training a new executive board and mentoring the group. In FY17 she was selected to serve on the Governance Task Force, and has had an active role in the development of the concepts and implementation plan for SWE's new governance structure.

In addition to her work with SWE, DeCotiis is active with her alma mater's alumni mentoring program since its inception in 2010, where she mentors upperclassman as they transition into their professional careers. Additionally, she works with the Central Jersey Blood Center, where she organizes blood drives and raises awareness for the importance of blood donations to the patients who rely on them. She received her professional engineers license in 2013.